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**SB 92 AN ACT PERMITTING TEN-YEAR CONTRACTUAL PERIODS FOR  
THE TRANSPORTATION OF SCHOOL CHILDREN IN ZERO-EMISSION SCHOOL  
BUSES**

The Connecticut Association of Boards of Education supports the concept of a ten-year contract for services with zero emission buses and recognizes this is an opportunity districts may enter into after working out the cost analysis and efforts to implement a new program.

Many of the questions districts will have are associated with the significant cost of the vehicle and setting up new infrastructure in a bus yard. What are the maintenance efforts, how long will the bus be useful, and how do we train staff to service these buses? Many districts do not own their own bus fleets so as the industry seeks out new models of transporting students, we need the time to study the feasibility for special education and extracurricular activities.

We support the permissive language which allows boards of education to begin their work to understand this new model.

Thank you for your attention to this issue.